

WILLIAM BROWN.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 229.]

MARCH 1, 1860.

Mr. WALTON, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William Brown, praying compensation for certain losses suffered in the war of 1812, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:*

That this case was examined and reported on by your committee at the second session of the last Congress, and, concurring in the report then made, adopt the same:

“That the evidence shows the claimant to have been a man of means during the war of 1812, and that he was liberal in his efforts to sustain the honor and credit of his country. His losses were evidently heavy; but, under principles laid down by your committee in a number of cases already decided, the government cannot be held liable for these losses. The testimony, however, shows that Mr. Brown surrendered for the use of the troops, on demand of officers of the government, a wagon, two horses, and certain goods, which were reasonably worth, at the time, the sum of five hundred dollars, and this your committee think is a fair charge against the government.”

Your committee report a bill for this amount, and recommend its passage.

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Mr. Wm. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Washington, D.C.

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of William Brown, praying compensation for certain losses sustained in the war of 1812, have had the same under consideration, and say they report:

That this case was examined and reported on by your committee at the second session of the last Congress, and, occurring in the report, they make about the same.

"That the evidence shows the claimant to have been a man of means during the war of 1812, and that he was liberal in his efforts to sustain the honor and credit of his country. His losses were evidently heavy; but, under the provisions laid down by your committee in a number of cases already decided, the government cannot be held liable for these losses. The testimony, however, shows that Mr. Brown was indebted for the use of the troops, on demand of officers of the government, a wagon, two horses, and certain goods, which were reasonably worth at the time the sum of five hundred dollars; and this your committee think is a fair charge against the government."

Your committee report a bill for this amount, and recommend its passage.